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February 17. I reported February 13 that the local board of health had officially announced the presence of bubonic plague in Guayaquil. (See Public Health Reports, February 21, p. 219.) This statement was based on misinformation. The action was taken by the physicians of Guayaquil who were called together by the governor (himself a physician), who asked for their opinion. The majority of representative physicians of Guayaquil were present and there was only one among them who expressed the opinion that there was no plague in Guayaquil.

The board of health reserves official announcement of plague pending the completion of bacteriological examination.

Active measures to prevent the propagation of the disease are being taken by the local authorities.

There have been 3 undoubted cases to date with 2 deaths.

#### EGYPT.

*Report from Cairo—Hospital for foreign cholera patients to be established—American consular officers directed to cooperate with government authorities in preventive measures against cholera.*

The following is received from Consul-General Iddings, under date of February 5:

The Egyptian government informs me that its officers will equip and administer in Cairo a hospital for the reception of foreign cholera patients in case the disease appears.

In compliance with a request from the Egyptian authorities I have directed all American agents in this country to cooperate to the utmost with the Egyptian authorities in quarantine and other preventive measures against cholera. So far as I can learn no cases have yet occurred in Egypt.

#### HAWAII.

*Report from Honolulu—Plague at Hilo.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports:

February 24. A case of plague occurred at Hilo February 22.

#### INDIA.

*Report from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, January 30:

During the week ended January 25 a bill of health was issued to the steamship *Kabinga* bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 62, and to the steamship *Stephanotis* bound for Boston and New York with 31 in the crew. The usual precautions were taken, the holds were fumigated, rat guards were placed on the wharf lines, and the Asiatics' effects were disinfected.

During the week ended January 11 there were 37 deaths from cholera, 15 from plague, and 5 from smallpox in Calcutta. In Bengal there were 442 cases of plague, with 336 deaths. In India there were 3,719 cases of plague, with 2,833 deaths.